

# GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

# DATE OF MEETING: June 21, 2016

# TITLE: Study and Approval of the Proposed Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

# **BACKGROUND:**

The State of Arizona requires governing boards to formally approve and adopt a proposed operating budget for the school district. The final enrollment numbers from the Arizona Department of Education have not been issued. The District anticipates that the Average Daily Membership (ADM) will be 13,090. Therefore, the proposed budget represents an estimate and the budget may require a revision in September. The significant changes in budget are listed below:

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The property tax rates have declined to reflect the increase in property values. The exact impact to individual property owners will be determined by how their property values changed relative to the state average. Overall, most tax payers will likely see no change in their property tax bill.

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Overall, the Maintenance and Operations budget has decreased by \$155,294 from the 2015-2016 budget revision number 3. This decrease in the total budget is the result of decreased students in the 2015-2016 school year.

Line 4 (General Administrations) has been increased by \$200,000 for projected election costs in November 2016.

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A slight decrease to Proposition 301 revenues is projected. This budget anticipates collections of \$5,356,311.57 in 2015-2016 and \$5,197,817 in 2016-2017 which is significantly lower than the peak collection of \$7,754,546 in fiscal year 2007-2008. Hopefully, the sale tax increases will continue into future years.

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The Unrestricted Capital budget assumes a \$5,477,080 budget reduction from the Legislature. The actual number will not be finalized until May of 2017. It is important to note that the Unrestricted Capital funding formula should be adding \$6,405,942 to the fund rather than the \$928,862 that is being added to the fund after the Legislative reduction.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board approves this proposed budget and directs that a summary of the budget be published. It is also recommended that the Governing Board schedule a public hearing on the proposed budget immediately prior to the adoption at the scheduled board meeting on July 5, 2016.

**INITIATED BY:** 

Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 15, 2016

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Patrick Nelson, Superintendent